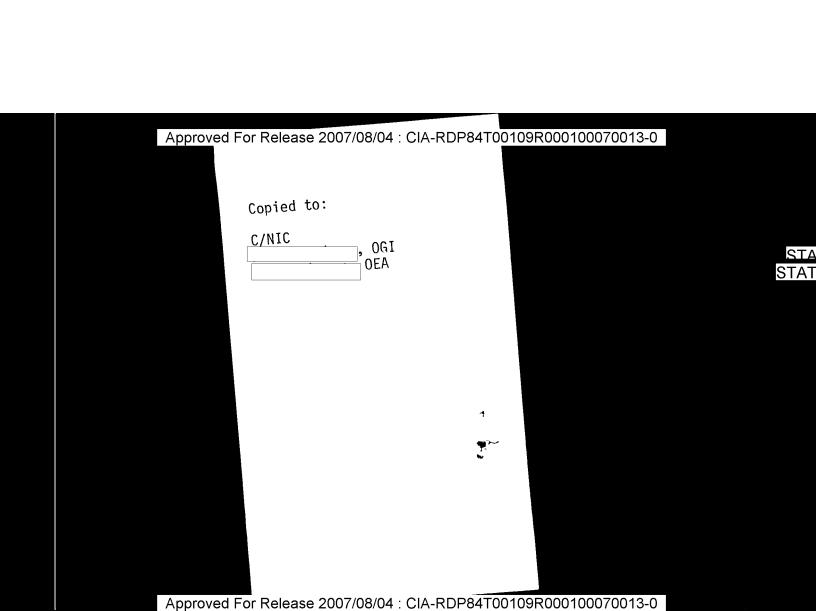
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CABINET COUNCIL ON COMMERCE AND MADE Meeting #35, June 23, 1982 8:45 a.m., Roosevelt Room

Attendees: Messrs. Baldrige, Donovan, Harper, McNamar, Trent, MacDonald, Hormats, Gunn, Weidenbaum, Olmer, Driggs, Cicconi, C. Smith, D. Smith, Niskanen, Lodwick, Mares, Thompson, Wunder, Ms. Dunlop and Dr. Anderson

1. Automotive Local Content Legislation

Michael Driggs, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Automotive Industry Affairs made a presentation to the Council on Automotive Local Content Legislation (H.R. 5133), specifically a suggested strategy for opposing the bill. The plan is to stop the bill in the House rather than wait to make a stand in the Senate. This is to be accomplished through an interagency effort. The general consensus was that H.R. 5133 would probably destroy more jobs than it would create, but that more homework needs to be done on figures measuring the harm. The Council was unanimous in its preference not to negotiate the percentage local content downward. Rather, the principle of local content requirements should be opposed.

Action Taken: The Council approved the recommendation that Secretary Baldrige be designated the Administration spokesman on this matter, and be authorized to announce the Council's continued and unanimous opposition to such legislation. Commitments were made by Council members to improve their Departments' participation in the interagency effort to stop H.R. 5133.

2. The Competitive Position of U.S. High Technology Industries

Lionel Olmer, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, summarized key findings of the CCCT draft study on U.S. competitiveness in high technology industries. He reported that the study concluded there has been a relative decline in U.S. competitiveness in high technology industries as measured by trade flows among our major trading partners, in particular Japan, West Germany and France. He noted that the study does not examine the implications for policy nor does it yet resolve differences among participating agencies as to analytic methodologies or as to certain of its conclusions. (A revised draft is being prepared in an effort to accommodate the views of participating agenices.)

A number of specific suggestions were made for the Working Group's agenda:

- o Indentify foreign subsidies as well as U.S. subsidies to high technology industries (Baldrige/Weidenbaum).
- o Consider the appropriate relationship between government policy and high technology industries.

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- o Consider the effect on competitiveness technology transfer, including that which results from co-production arrangements with our allies.
- o Expand the treatment given in the study to the national security implications for the U.S. which would flow from a relative change in competitiveness.

Action Taken: It was agreed that the CCCT Working Group on High Technology should be expanded to include several departments not yet involved. This expanded group would:

- o Examine further the extent of the U.S. relative decline in high technology and seek to indentify the causes thereof.
- o Examine what implications, if any, there are for government policy.
- o Coordinate activities relative to U.S. participation in the various high technology initiatives which have recently arisen.

3. Copyright Legislation - Home Video and Audio Recording

Bernard Wunder, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information led the discussion on this issue. Commerce, Justice, and the Arts Endowment were scheduled to testify on Thursday, June 24, 1982, on legislation (H.R. 5705) that would levy a copywright royalty fee on home audio and video cassette recorders (VCRs) and blank tapes as a means of compensating copyright holders of material recorded for private use. The legislation stems primarily from a suit brought by Universal City Studios and Walt Disney Studios against Sony (maker of "Betamax" VCR), in which they argued that home taping of video programs violates copyrights and that Sony is liable for contributing to this infringement.

Action Taken: The Council's recommendation was that the Administration should take no position on H.R. 5705 at this time. In addition, the Administration should take no position on the Universal/Disney/Sony case, since the case will be heard by the Supreme Court this fall.